

STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and

responding to cyber threats, which may have a significant impact on our individual and

collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS: Critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support

financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and

emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS: The Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign, a national public awareness campaign, is

implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions, and is aimed at increasing the understanding of

cyber threats and empowering the public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS: The National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and the

Department of Homeland Security's Critical Infrastructure Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations — large and small, public and private — implement a Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber

practices; and

WHEREAS: Maintaining cyberspace security is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a

critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the

security of the Minnesota information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS: October is designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month and Minnesotans

are encouraged to visit the Stop. Think. Connect. Campaign website

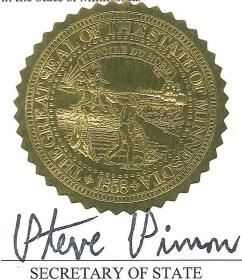
(www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cyber security and apply that knowledge in

their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, as:

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota



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day of September.

GOVERNOR

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 29th